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## NEAR FLOOD

### Grand River Badly Overflowed Wheat Crops Under Creeks Rising

Recent rains came near overflowing creeks and small rivers to the considerable damage point and the Grand river is said to be down from the high mark a week ago, it is still high and much precipitation would send it out of banks again. As it was, the low lands were flooded and thousands of acres of wheat were under water for a time. The rise at Stanberry and Chillicothe was much more perceptible than at Brunswick. Along the river the fine crops of wheat were submerged for several days but reports indicate that very little if any damage was done to any of the crops. So long as the weather remains cool it is claimed that wheat will not suffer damage from being under water for a limited time.

The Chariton river is still on the rise and the low lands along that stream and its tributaries are under water. Many crops of fine wheat are partially under water but no fear for their safety is felt so far.

Never in the history of the world has there been better prospects at this time of the year for a bumper crop of wheat and if it continues to be as encouraging till harvest, we will sure feel prosperity, for a time at least.

### Farm Bureau Notes. By Sam Jordan. He Got Stung.

The Bureau has urged with all the energy it would seem that should be needed to prevent farmers from buying grass seed mixtures from seed houses. We presume that the reason they continue to do so is because they believe that we don't know what we are talking about. Another reason is perhaps that the combination looks cheap.

A few days ago we took the liberty to take some samples from some grass seed mixture that was bought for seeding in this county. We knew on examination that the seed was bad but not desiring to take any chances of being wrong we submitted the samples for a government test. It was found to contain 83.25 per cent commercial seed, 10.23 per cent inert or dead matter, and 6.53 per cent weeds. This means that almost 17 per cent of the mixture was not what the purchaser was presuming to buy. The analysis goes on to say that the commercial seed was mostly timothy with a small proportion of alsike clover, white clover, red clover, and red top. The analysis states further that there were 78,300 weeds per pound. The weed occurring with the greatest frequency was Red Sorrel. It was found to have also black seeded plantain, lamb's quarters, peppergrass, bracted plantain, buck horn, cinque foil, mayweed, amaranth, wooly panicum, lady's thumb and others.

The man who sows this seed especially on the poorer lands is putting an actual calamity on his farm. Buckhorn is a very mild pest as compared with red sorrel, which we count as one of the very worst and most dangerous of the weeds that is being introduced into Missouri. It is usually bought from other states from seed houses that would not dare to offer it for sale in their own state; Missouri has no law protecting the farmers from an outrage of this character. The only protection he has is that offered by the University to test his seed

free of charge, but for some unknown reason he will not avail himself of the privilege. Our services also are free to every one and we can protect you if you will give us an opportunity. The man who buys this seed and sows it is not the only one who is getting into trouble, since the weeds of course will spread more or less from farm to farm. He thus becomes a menace to his neighbor.

### Seed Inoculation.

We have placed a good many orders for inoculation for seed but the same seems to be slow in coming. The University is putting out inoculation of a high character and at a very reasonable price. One package costing twenty five cents will thoroughly inoculate 30 pounds of seed. Any person can secure it by remitting the price to the Soils department, University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri.

### The Bee Meeting.

A bee meeting and demonstration is scheduled for Brunswick on Saturday April 5th. The serious diseases afflicting bees will be discussed and a demonstration showing how the disease works and how to prevent it will be given at the home of Mr. Ragland in the east part of town. Every bee keeper in the county is urged to be present.

### The Wool Growers Meeting.

I just now have the information that Mr. D. A. Spencer can be with us for three days in the county to visit the flocks of sheep and hold meetings as far as time will permit. We will endeavor to hold two meetings each day, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. The time specified is April 24-25-26. Watch next week's paper for the meeting places, and we desire to have as many folks as possible to be present where we make stops, because we want to discuss particularly the phases of culling the sheep with reference to the most valuable wool production. We will perhaps schedule a final afternoon meeting to be held at the court house for such action as the wool growers of the county desire to take with reference to some organized movement to increase the quantity and quality of the sheep of Chariton County.

### Advance Hour-Hand Sunday

Sunday morning when you roll out of your roost, twist the hour hand on your clock around one time and have the right time, one hour ahead of what you have been used to for about a year. Keep it with the sun, moon and stars so long as it will tick.

Mrs. Mary Rhodes of St. Louis arrived Sunday for a visit to her father, Marion Veatch.

Cashier Anderson has the big vault about complete inside and the safety deposit boxes ready for any who desire to place papers or other valuables in fire proof storage. The floor of the bank is being leveled and after painting and papering the interior, a very different and more inviting appearance will meet those who enter.

Editors from all over the eighth district were called to St. Louis Saturday by the district superintendent of the fifth loan and about 700 were on hand. Plans for publicity were submitted by superintendent Gardner, similar to those heretofore employed so far as country newspapers were concerned. From Illinois, Ark., Tenn., and Mo., the representation was large but the enthusiasm was not vociferous.

## KANGAROO LUNCHEON

### Judge Tom Cruse Dines Officials Oldest County Official Delighted

Thomas T. Cruse, the caretaker of the court house for 47 years continuously and Judge of the Kangaroo Court for 45 years or since its organization, entertained the county officials Monday with one of the finest spreads ever set in the court house since the days of the famous dancing club of this city whose banquets were celebrated. March 15 was the forty seventh anniversary of Judge Cruse official charge of the county court house, the longest service in a public capacity known in the state, and with a record second to no other official for faithfulness and justifiable confidence, the octogenarian was profusely congratulated and complimented by all his guests.

Judge Cruse established a Kangaroo Court 45 years ago and every new official bowed to the judgment of the court or to the paddle the court wielded over his anatomy, the induction into his office. The court imposed a fine of a box of cigars or a sufficiency of liquid refreshments to go round, but if a newly elected was apparently "perit or sassy," he not only had to set 'em up as directed by the judge, but as a preliminary admonition of what the future would have in store for him, he was ordered placed in proper position for paddling and a paddling he got, then and there, more or less as he was refractory or susceptible and the judge was an expert shot and had the required muscle to reduce the most obdurately stuck-on-himself new fledged official to abject docility, no matter how many raps on his rump were required, from Judge Gavon D. Burgess to the obscurest official in the north east corner of nowhere. Oft times the fine named by Judge Cruse was hard cash, and the accumulation amounted to a goodly sum which he elected to invest in a spread for his fellow county officers Monday and 16 assembled on his invitation and two straws, partook of a most excellent luncheon prepared by Silas Ewing for caterer Edgar Wilks and excellently served on tables set in the circuit court room by Ola Redding and Herbert Johnson. The menu, roast goose with dressing, cold boiled ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, celery and lettuce salad, olives and pickles, orange meringue and fruit layer cake, cheese and water crackers and black coffee and Tom Moore cigars, was splendidly prepared, well served and more than enjoyed by every guest as well as the host. One lonesome bottle on the table, cork unpulled, Worcester sauce, was eyed with disgust.

Concluding the feast, toast master Judge W. D. Herring made some appropriate remarks and called on each and every other county officer for expression of his sentiments which was responded to in the best of feeling for the old but not gray host.

It was a source of pride that the county stood second to none in the state for efficiency in handling the public business, the splendid management of the infirmary, being the first in the state with reports to the state auditor, the preservation of the court house by a former court and making it instead of a dangerous building ready for condemnation one of the acknowledged best in the state, the locating of and building a splendid

home for our poor and infirm, the advancement in school work by greater consideration for the country common school, the extensive improvement of public roads, being first in the state to officially and finally close its registration and each speaker pledged his best efforts for further improvement and his most conscientious regard for the interests of all citizens.

Warner White suggested resolutions of respect for former recorder of deeds, James W. Wayland and chairman Judge Herring appointed Judge J. E. Montgomery, Hon. Roy McKittrick and C. C. Carlstead a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the assembly.

It was further resolved to make the Kangaroo Court Banquet an annual affair that the county officers might get together and exchange views on matters pertaining to the affairs of the county.

In testimony of their high regard for his faithfulness, probity and many acts of personal friendship for each of his guests, merchant tailor A. V. Simmon was ordered to make a suit of the best material he could get for Judge Tom Cruse and present it to him with the dutiful acknowledgements of the donors.

The committee on resolutions of respect reported as follows: James W. Wayland, deceased, only a few years ago recorder of deeds for this county, was a fellow officer with nearly all at this board. Both in private life and in public office he was most highly esteemed for his personal characteristics and business ability, his unwavering loyalty to his friends and to any cause which he espoused, and because of these attributes.

Be it resolved by this assembly,

That the memory of James W. Wayland be perpetuated by special mention of his name and a declaration of the regard each had for him in life, at each annual banquet of the Kangaroo Court. The resolution was unanimously adopted and the assembly adjourned subject to the call of chairman Judge W. D. Herring one year hence.

Present, Judge T. J. Cruse, Warner White, W. G. Wright, W. D. Herring, Geo. Preston, Roy McKittrick, Jess Richardson, Chris Carlstead, Richard Hunt, M. B. Hunt, Chas. Hayes, O. P. Ray, J. E. Montgomery, John Rogers, Jas. Hershey, Geo. D. Hains, R. E. Hart and stray number two, E. B. Kellogg.

### Keytesville Township Election March 25, 1919

#### For Trustee

No votes maj.

A. D. Hurt.....282 63

J. D. Attebery.....219

#### For Collector

J. N. Stephenson.....71

R. D. Vincent.....31

W. L. (Jimmy) Taylor.....17

T. F. White.....204 15

Chas. Parker.....189

#### For Clerk and Assessor

Wilson Swarengin.....96

Harry W. Duncan.....116 73

Ed Ewing.....294

#### For onstable

Sam J. Coy.....301 97

John Drew.....204

#### For Justices of the Peace (Two to elect)

R. D. Edwards.....439

W. G. Agee.....429

For Members Township Board (Two to elect)

James W. Cox.....249

J. W. Moritz.....340

J. E. Mitchell.....285

Number of votes 526.

The Dalton ladies served dinner at the Bayne sale Monday.

## FALTERING PEACE

### Reds About to Rule Europe Changes Constitution One Treaty

Wars between nations of Europe are breaking out in several places. Italy has lifted an unwarranted blockade in the Adriatic under pressure but demands territory claimed as promised for her war prize. Reds have conquered or have control of more than half of Europe and threaten to upset all allies calculations.

Riots in Egypt and martial law in some neutral countries. Most eminent jurists in this country insist that many changes should be made in the constitution of league, judge Hughes naming seven.

President Wilson and other leading representatives at the council are concentrating efforts on the subject of indemnities. The American view that reparation means damages has been adopted by plenipotentiaries. Just what this means remains to be disclosed. All powers are alarmed over the spread of Bolshevism, the movement gaining because of dissatisfaction with actions at peace council and while it is claimed that the treaty is fast nearing final form, vexing new problems present themselves, such as the relation of the U. S. to Turkey and Bulgaria with whom we were not at war.

### Musselfork Township Election March 25, 1919

#### For Township Trustee

James W. Robertson.....80

#### For Members Township Board (Two to elect)

C. A. Clarkson.....54

J. A. Washam.....45

William Graves Sr.....32

#### For Justice of the Peace (Two to elect)

C. A. Clarkson.....54

J. A. Washam.....45

William Graves Sr.....33

Ben Jeys.....1

#### For Constable

F. P. Prather.....81

#### For Collector

F. P. Prather.....81

#### For Clerk and Assessor

John A. Price.....81

### Chariton County Road Plans.

A Keytesville gentleman who was in Macon this week said that the matter of building a hard surfaced road from the Wabash station to Keytesville, a matter of nearly two miles, was now being considered and if carried out the old horse-car line, which has served the community for a great many years, will be abandoned and auto busses take the place of it. The Keytesville horse car line is the last of its tribe, those at New York and Kansas City having given place to electricity some time during the last year. Keytesville is one of the old county seat towns of North Missouri.--Bevier Appeal.

### Spring Sewing

Can you use help with your spring sewing?

Classes in dress fitting and costume design will be held all next week.

Come and learn how to make simple, inexpensive trimmings for your spring clothes.

Classes will be held under the direction of the Home Demonstration agent in.

Rothville, Tuesday at 10:00 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Indian Grove, Wednesday 10:00 a. m. Mendon, Wednesday 2:00 p. m. Jordan district, Thursday 2:00 p. m. Triplett, Friday 10:00 a. m. Brunswick, Friday 2:00 p. m. Dalton, Saturday 2:00 p. m.

### Mrs. Sudie Garnett Married

Wednesday Mar. 12 at Los Angeles Cal.; U. G. Knight of Exeter, Cal. and Mrs. Sudie Garnett of this city were married. Mrs. Knight was spending the winter in California and the wedding was not altogether unlooked for, the happy man having been corresponding with his bride some time before her departure for the west. Mr. Knight became acquainted with Mrs. Garnett thru a mutual friend correspondence followed and pleased still more with each other when they met in gloaming state.

Mr. Knight was formerly a newspaper editor and publisher but is now Horticultural Commissioner for Tulare county with headquarters at Exeter where he owns property. He was known slightly in this county thru letters in quest of long green tobacco, and undoubtedly he is worthy of the splendid woman he persuaded to become his life partner.

After the wedding ceremony the bridal couple went on an auto tour of the county and surrounding country for a few weeks when they will make their home in Exeter. At Ventura a barbeque was given in honor of the couple and Mr. Knight, formerly a Missourian, expressed the view that it was better than "a Missouri yellow legged chicken banquet," to which his wife refused to subscribe.

Mrs. U. G. Knight is a native of this county, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams and the widow of one of the county's best men and popular physicians. One of the handsome and accomplished girls of her set, she was known in social circles in all this part of the county and was prominent in charitable and other work in which women take the lead.

Mrs. Knight has two brothers and two sisters residing in this neighborhood and a host of friends who wish her the greatest happiness.

### Salisbury

E. M. Williams of Carlisle, Ark., is here visiting his mother and friends. He is a son of the late M. R. Williams who once represented this county.

At an open session of the C. W. B. M. of the second Christian church Sunday, a fine time was had and the cause given a big boost.

Mrs. Lizzie H. Oldham has sold her residence property on Broadway to W. F. Bowman and Capt. J. L. Wright.

Frank Dooley of Ardmore was here Sunday to visit his father, W. A. Dooley who is seriously ill, and on account of his age, 84, his recovery is doubtful.

J. C. Case sold 20 acres of fine bottom land to Clarence Harkelroth for \$1000.

W. M. Lehnhoff is building a barn and garage on his 4th street property recently purchased of Mrs. Jacob.

Barton and Fred Philpott have splendid improvements on their home. Dan Cupid may be hovering near.

Mrs. Mary Finn, formerly Miss Linnie Lusher, of Moberly, was over Tuesday on business connected with the sale of her lot.

The election passed off quietly here Tuesday resulting as follows:

Trustee, John Legender. Clerk H. T. Phelps. Collector and Constable, C. W. Cruse. Mem Board Ed Spellman, T. E. Leach. Justices, S. F. Trammel, W. F. Evans, C. W. Garhart. Only contest was for Collector and Constable.